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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 8

1. WP (PAGE 16) "HUSSEIN THREAT: BUY SOVIET". HE SAYS THAT UNLESS HE GETS 14 HAWK MISSILE BATTERIES FROM U.S. HE WILL BUY AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FROM THE SOVIETS. (OTHER PAPERS)

2. WP - GEORGE F. WILL COLUMN - IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVE WILL BE ONLY AN IDEA UNTIL AFTER U.S. FINISHES RESCUING SOVIET LEADERS FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR INCOMPETENCE AND FROM THEIR EXCESSIVE INVESTMENT IN TANKS AND BARBED WIRE AT THE EXPENSE OF ADEQUATE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE.

3. SUN (PAGE 9) "GRAIN SALE BID FAILS". FORD ADMINISTRATION APPARENTLY FAILED TO CONVINCE ILA THAT PENDING U-S. GRAIN SALES TO SOVIET UNION WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT PRICING OF DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. AFTER MEETING OF GLEASON WITH SECRETARY BUTZ YESTERDAY, GLEASON SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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"WE DIDN'T CHANGE OUR POSITION".

4. NYT (PAGE 3) "SOVIET SHOWING PRUDENCE IN PORTUGUESE
RELATIONS"DATELINE LISBON.

5. NYT (PAGE 3) PRESIDENT SEES POSSIBILITY OF U.S.
CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIETS IF WAR BROKE OUT AGAIN
IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

6. CSM - ROBERT R. BOWIE COLUMN - "WHAT DOES THE WEST
WANT FROM DETENTE"? KISSINGER

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